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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND/OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, the Examiner required applicants to elect a species from each of two species groups. In response, applicants elect what the Examiner identified as Species II from Species Group I, which includes claims 8, 9, 17, 20 and 21, and applicants elect what the Examiner identified as Species A from Species Group II, which includes claims 10 and 22.

All of the claims included in the two elected species are dependent claims. Several independent claims and other dependent claims were not grouped with any identified species. Specifically, claims 1-5, 13-15 and 29 were not included in any species. Claim 1 was not included in any species even though elected claims 8 and 9 from Species II and claim 10 from Species A depend from claim 1. The undersigned telephoned the Examiner on September 10, 2003 to inquire about the restriction requirement and to confirm that the claims not included in any species would be

examined. The Examiner confirmed that applicant should elect one species from each of the two species groups, and that the non-included claims would be examined.

Please call the undersigned if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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